

Region Commander Safety Message #11



Safeguarding Personnel and Equipment

This safety alert establishes safety goals designed to support mission preparedness, personnel safety, and economical operations by reducing and maintaining accidental losses at a minimum.

Safeguarding personnel and equipment from accidental loss is a leadership and management responsibility both on and off duty. Discipline, risk management, and standards are keys to our success, requiring continuous leadership support and involvement. Positive leadership at all levels is imperative and your emphasis must be unrelenting.

Discipline:

- Reduce Army motor vehicle accidents, Army personnel injuries, and civilian lost-time injuries. Sometimes people telegraph signals that translate later into accidents - know your people well. Negative behavior such as traffic offenses, alcohol abuse, misconduct, and poor performance often are indicators of potential POV accident victims.
- Identify “at risk” personnel; counsel them, and take proactive measures to modify their risky behavior.
- A tool to identify “at risk” drivers is the *Next Accident Assessment For Individuals* and the *Next Accident Assessment For Leaders* @ <http://www.knox.army.mil/center/safety/index.htm>

Risk Management:

- Teach the risk management process and conduct risk assessments/hazard analysis of all training operations that entail risk of death, serious injury, occupational illness, or major property damage.
- Increase workplace safety by conducting office/building inspections. Assess the hazards; develop controls and make decisions; implement the controls; and supervise execution.
- Utilize the risk management toolbox that has been prepared for commanders and leaders @ <http://safety.army.mil>. This toolbox provides a comprehensive set of tools and controls that have proven successful throughout our Army. Make it available to leaders at all levels and ensure they use it. Teach the 5-step risk management process and apply it to hazards.

Standards:

- Set high and unmistakable standards, and enforce them! Be uncompromising when it comes to safeguarding personnel, equipment, and maintaining accidental loss.

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